

OLLI STUDY GROUP PROPOSAL FORM

Study Groups offer an opportunity for members to explore a specific topic as part of an interactive, member-proposed and –facilitated conversation. Study Groups are typically made up of 18-20 members who meet for 4-8 sessions, but other models may be tailored to the subject matter and the preferences of the facilitators. Study Groups provide an opportunity for members who seek active participation and exploration in a wide variety of areas.

Facilitator training and information sessions will be organized by the Study Group Committee for the benefit of new and returning facilitators. It is strongly recommended that a member has participated in at least one prior OLLI Study Group before proposing to facilitate a group.

Types of study groups (please circle the type that best describes the study group you are proposing):

- 1) Facilitator leads all sessions.
 - a. Most study materials are chosen by the facilitator.
 - b. Group members supplement these materials with their own readings and knowledge.
- 2) A team of facilitators leads all sessions.
 - a. Facilitator team chooses most study materials.
 - b. Group members supplement these materials with their own readings and knowledge.
- 3) Facilitator asks for participants to lead some sessions.
 - a. Original discussion materials are chosen by the facilitator.
 - b. Subsequent volunteer leaders may choose their own materials for individual discussions.
 - c. Group members supplement these materials with their own readings and knowledge.
- 4) Facilitator chooses to follow the Shared Inquiry or Modified Shared Inquiry approach to discussion. (Great Books uses this method and has materials available.)
 - a. The facilitator chooses the study material and uses prepared questions. He/she may or may not participate in the discussions.
 - b. Other members of the group may sometimes serve as facilitators and choose materials.

c. Group members supplement these materials with their own readings and knowledge.

Title of Proposed Study Group:

(If there are multiple facilitators, please provide the following information for each of them.)

Name of Facilitator:

Email address of facilitator:

Daytime phone number of facilitator:

Brief Description of Study Group (please indicate any prerequisites or special knowledge needed, such as computer skills):

Suggested number of sessions:

Suggested topics for each session:

Reading materials and source, if any:

Please briefly describe your knowledge, interest, and experience with this topic:

Please address any questions about the OLLI Study Groups to Janet Summers at jjs@illinois.edu or 244-9141.